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## **New Temporary Operating Permit Procedure and Electronic Title and Registration**

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division has announced new procedures that will significantly revise the way auto dealerships provide Temporary License Plates, also known as Temporary Operating Permits or “TOP”, to motor vehicle buyers.

Under the new procedures, which go into effect on December 1, 2011, the dealership will be responsible for providing the buyer with a printable TOP rather than the current hand written version. The TOP should be peeled and stuck onto cardstock that is the same size as the current county and dealer issued Temporary Operating Permits.

The buyer will be assigned a TOP registration number that will be recorded in the Georgia Registration and Title Information System so that any TOP can be verified by law enforcement; thus increasing security features and reducing fraud as well as other unlawful registrations.

The Georgia Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division has also certified vendors that are working with dealerships throughout the state to provide Electronic Title and Registration or “ETR”. Participating ETR dealerships can offer a “one-stop shop” for certificates of title, applications for vehicle registration, and transfer of registration processed electronically for vehicles at the time of purchase. When a customer buys a motor vehicle from a participating dealership such customer may elect to take advantage of the dealership’s ETR services for that vehicle. ETR services are only available for vehicles sold by the dealership at the time of purchase.

For dealerships and customers that elect to participate, ETR will provide a more efficient process for titling and registering vehicles.